This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for use with a unitary ~~digital~~ ~~sender~~ device, the method comprising:

with a unitary device comprising therein logic, a user interface, a scanning mechanism, a communication interface, and a removable data storage mechanism, wherein said logic is operatively coupled to said user interface to receive an inputted recipient electronic mail address, to said scanning mechanism to receive at least scanned object data obtained by optically scanning an object, to said communication interface to send an electronic mail message that includes at least a portion of said scanned object data to a remote device associated with said recipient electronic mail address, and to said removable data storage mechanism to access therethrough a removable data storage media when present:

receiving ~~inserting~~ a removable data storage media ~~into a~~ in said removable data storage mechanism; ~~arranged within a digital sender device~~ ~~and~~

selectively operatively coupling said removable data storage media to said logic ~~arranged within said digital sender device~~;

~~configuring at least one object on a scanning mechanism of said digital sender device; optically scanning said at least one object using said scanning mechanism to form corresponding scanned object data; inputting recipient electronic mail address data through a user interface of said digital sender device; with said logic, generating outgoing electronic mail message data using said recipient address data, said electronic mail message data including at least a portion of said scanned object data; sending said electronic mail message data using a network interface of said digital sender;~~ and

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storing <u>at least an archival copy of</u> at least said electronic mail message

data <u>sent via the communication interface</u> on said removable data storage

media.

5   2.   (previously presented)   The method as recited in Claim 1,

. wherein said removable data storage media is a writable optical disc .

3.   (original)   The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said scanned

object data further includes a plurality of different versions of said scanned object

10   data.

4.   (original)   The method as recited in Claim 3, wherein said plurality

of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first resolution version and

a second resolution version, said second resolution version having a lower level of

15   resolution than said first resolution version.

5.   (previously presented)   The method as recited in Claim 4,

wherein said portion of said scanned object data includes said second resolution

version .

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6.   (previously presented)   The method as recited in Claim 4,

wherein said portion of said scanned object data includes said first resolution version .

7.   (original)   The method as recited in Claim 3, wherein said plurality

25 .   of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first version and a second

version, said second version being a data compressed version of said first version.

8.   (cancelled)

9.   (currently amended)   The method as recited in Claim 7, wherein storing an archival copy of said at least the electronic mail message data sent via the communication interface storing at least said electronic mail message data on said removable data storage media further includes:

storing at least two of said plurality of different versions of said scanned object data .

10.   (currently amended)   The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein said electronic mail message data further includes at least one type of data selected from a group of types of data comprising scanned object data, recipient address data, timestamp data, authentication related data, device identifying data, control data, text data, graphics data, and image data.

11.   (currently amended)   [[An]] A unitary apparatus comprising: a digital sender device comprising having:

a data storage mechanism configurable to access a removable data storage media,

5   an optical scanning mechanism configurable to optically scan at least one object and produce corresponding scanned object data,

a network communication interface configurable to operatively connect to at least one other device over at least one network,

a user interface configurable to receive user inputs, and

10   logic operatively coupled to said data storage mechanism, said optical scanning mechanism, said network communication interface, and said user interface, wherein said logic is configured to combine recipient electronic mail address data received through said user interface with at least a portion of said scanned object data to form electronic mail message data that is then output by said network

15   communication interface, and wherein said logic is further configured to selectively archive at least a portion of said electronic mail message data by providing said portion of said electronic mail message to stored by said data storage mechanism for storage on said removable data storage device.

20   12.   (currently amended) The unitary device apparatus as recited in Claim 11, wherein said scanned object data further includes a plurality of different versions of said scanned object data.

13.   (currently amended) The unitary device apparatus as recited in Claim

25   12, wherein said plurality of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first resolution version and a second resolution version, said second resolution version having a lower level of resolution than said first resolution version.

14.   (currently amended)   The unitary device ~~apparatus~~ as recited in Claim 13, wherein said logic is configured to include said second resolution version within said electronic mail message data that is output by said ~~network~~ communication interface.

15.   (currently amended)   The unitary device ~~apparatus~~ as recited in Claim 13, wherein said logic is configured to include said first resolution version within said portion of said electronic mail message data that is stored by said data storage mechanism .

16.   (currently amended)   The unitary device ~~apparatus~~ as recited in Claim 12, wherein said plurality of different versions of said scanned object data includes a first version and a second version, said second version being a data compressed version of said first version.

17.   (currently amended)   The unitary device ~~apparatus~~ as recited in Claim 16, wherein said logic is configured to include said second version within said electronic mail message data that is output by said ~~network~~ communication interface.

18.   (currently amended)   The unitary device ~~apparatus~~ as recited in Claim 16, wherein said logic is configured to include said first version within said portion of said electronic mail message data that is stored by said data storage mechanism .

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19.   (currently amended)   The <u>unitary device</u> ~~apparatus~~ as recited in Claim 11, wherein said electronic mail message data <u>further</u> includes <u>at least one type of</u> data selected from a group of <u>types of</u> data comprising ~~scanned object data, recipient address data,~~ timestamp data, authentication related data, device identifying data, control data, text data, graphics data, and image data.

20.   (currently amended)   The <u>unitary device</u> ~~apparatus~~ as recited in Claim 11, further comprising: ~~a multiple function device that includes: said digital sender device, and~~

a printer mechanism operatively coupled to said logic ~~within said digital sender device~~, and wherein said logic is further configured to cause said printing mechanism to print out at least a portion of said <u>electronic mail</u> message data.

--21.   (new) The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:

causing said logic to verify that access permission exists prior to storing at least said electronic mail message data on said removable data storage media based on inputted data received via said user interface. --